

Amendments to the Abstract

Please **add** the following Abstract to this application.

-- A broadcast router ~~(100)~~ includes a router matrix ~~(102a)~~ having input and output sides ~~(102a-1 and 102a-2)~~. Coupled to the input side ~~(102-1)~~ of the router matrix ~~(102a)~~ are first and second reference inputs ~~(146 and 148)~~. The first reference input ~~(146)~~ is configured for application of a first reference signal thereto while the second reference input ~~(148)~~ is configured for selective application of either a second reference signal or a redundancy of the first reference signal thereto. The broadcast router ~~(100)~~ further includes N inputs, M outputs and a routing engine ~~(134)~~, coupled between the N inputs and the M outputs, for applying selected ones of the N inputs to the M outputs. A reference select circuit ~~(144)~~ is coupled between the first and second reference inputs ~~(146 and 148)~~ and the routing engine ~~(134)~~. --